

REMARKS

Claims 5 and 7 remain in this application. This amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed July 2, 2007. The Examiner states that Claims 5 and 7 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form including all the limitation of the base claim and any interviewing claims.

In response the rejected claims are cancelled without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to file continuation applications to pursue prosecution of the rejected claims.

Claims 5 and 7 are rewritten in independent form including limitations of claims on which each one depends. As a consequence, Claims 5 and 7 are now in condition for allowance which is earnestly solicited.

RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

Applicants have amended claims 5 and 7 and cancelled claims 1-4, 6, and 8-18 from further consideration in this application. Applicants are not conceding in this application that those claims are not patentable over the art cited by the Examiner, as the present claim amendments and cancellations are only for facilitating expeditious prosecution of the allowable subject matter noted by the Examiner. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to pursue these and other claims in one or more continuations and/or divisional patent applications.

CONCLUSION

It is believed Claims 5 and 7 are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration is hereby requested and early allowance is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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